



PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION ACTION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 18, 2004
City Council Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Bautista, Commissioners Lippe, Weiden, Cooper and Boennighausen

Absent: Chair Charlton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER LIPPE MOVED that the minutes OF THE JANUARY 21 SPECIAL MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMISSIONER LIPPE MOVED that the minutes OF THE JANUARY 21 REGULAR MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMMENDED TO REFLECT COMMISSIONER COOPER WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

COMMISSIONER LIPPE MOVED that the minutes OF THE JANUARY 29 SPECIAL MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC SCULPTURE RECOMMENDATION-PEACE POLE

Mr. Dave Brees, Recreation Director, presented the Public Sculpture Committee's recommendations regarding the Peace Pole. The Committee recommended the City not accept the Peace pole and refer the Los Altos Voices for Peace to submit it for consideration in the Public Sculpture Loan Program.

Ray Shuster, a member of the Los Altos Voices for Peace brought in the peace pole and answered questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed their individual views on the acceptance or denial of the peace pole.

COMMISSIONER WEIDEN MOVED that the City Council accept the Peace Pole subject to the city not incurring any costs or liabilities or expectations of activities that would incur costs to support the peace pole. THE MOTION FAILED FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER LIPPE MOVED that the City Council accept the gift of the Peace Pole and recommend placement at the library. THE MOTION FAILED FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND.

COMMISSIONER BOENNIGHAUSEN MOVED that the city council not accept the donation of the Peace Pole at this time but invite the Los Altos Voices for Peace to submit it through the Los Altos Sculpture Loan program if so desired. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOPER AND PASSED WITH A 4-1 BY VOICE VOTE.

CONSIDERATION OF HETCH HETCHY PATHWAY NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

Commission put this item on the agenda to have the opportunity to discuss any specific items they felt needed to be on the survey. The Commission heard public comment on the item from seven public speakers.

Scott Neeley
Cybil Kramer
Todd Gammelin
Carol Scheetz
Ray Wood
Nigel Endersvey
Kate Disney

The comments from the public on this item included: concern regarding the foresight of spending money on a pathway where a future excavation CIP project is in the works by the San Francisco Water District; there should be no connection to El Camino Real; concern regarding property surface rights; concern the survey should be written by an unbiased expert in user/needs assessment field; the City should evaluate the offer from the survey professional who was offering pro bono services for this work; and the Commission should have the final approval on the survey.

The Commission discussed the process for the survey, the revised timeline, and the offer from the community of Mr. Roger Levine's pro bono services. Commission stated that they felt staff should consider the offer from the professional in the field of the survey if this would help with the project.

COMMISSIONER BAUTISTA MOVED that the CITY COUNCIL consider engaging Mr. Levine in a pro bono advisory role in the development of the Hetch Hetchy Pathway Neighborhood Survey, and have the survey include questions regarding consideration of other land in North Los Altos for park use. COMMISSIONER WEIDEN SECONDED THE MOTION AND MOTION FAILED 0-5.

The Commission continued its discussion on the item and came to consensus that staff understood the Commission's desire to discover more information related to Mr. Levine's services and that staff

would be returning to Council for approval of the survey and its process. No further action on this item was taken by the Commission.

SHOUP PARK OPENING CEREMONIES

Dave Brees, Recreation Director presented the concept of a simple re-opening ceremony being considered for Shoup Park on Saturday, March 20.

PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS AND UPDATES

QUARTERLY PARK INSPECTION REPORTS

The Commission gave their quarterly reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.